



**15<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting  
for**

**Ministers and Members of  
Parliaments**

**Programme**

***Space the Indispensable Ally for  
Decision-Makers***

- Sunday 28 September 2025 -

***International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)***

*14 Darling Dr., Sydney NSW 2000, Australia*

## Sunday, 28 September 2025

*The MMoP Meeting will take place in Room Parkside 1 at the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney), International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2025) Venue*

09:00 Welcome Coffee

09:25 Group Picture

09:30 Welcome Remarks

- **Clay Mowry**, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- **Hon. Steve Georganas MP**, Federal Member for Adelaide, Co-convenor of the Federal Parliament's Parliamentary Friends of Space, representing the Federal Minister for Industry and Innovation and Minister for Science Senator the Hon. Tim Ayres, and MMoP 2025 Co-Chair, IAC 2025 Host Country
- **Hon. Emily Suvaal**, Parliamentary Secretary for Trade and Small Business, New South Wales Government Space
- **Hon. Judith Collins KC**, New Zealand Minister for Space
- **Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Meeting, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

### 10:15 Session 1: *Space for Disaster and Risk Management*

*Today, we are all exposed to serious vulnerabilities: drought, reduced or excessive rainfall, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, man-made catastrophes... which are menacing our environment putting in danger our lives, our economy and impacting properties, flora, fauna and cultural heritage.*

*Luckily, Space solutions have the potential to help governments and administrations to manage disaster risks. They play a crucial role in all phases of the disaster risk management cycle: from prevention and preparedness to response and recovery.*

*Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Simonetta Cheli**, Director of Earth Observation Programmes and Head of ESRIN, European Space Agency (ESA)*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

*Roundtable Discussion*

## 11:15 Session 2: *Space in Support of Society*

*Space solutions play a key role in helping policy-makers address societal challenges and develop policies that meet public needs. Rationalization of traffic management, improvement of public transport, dynamic urban planning, air quality, management of drinking water supplies, optimizing energy and waste without forgetting supporting healthcare and emergency response... Space technology offers valuable solutions in many sectors.*

*Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Salem Al Qubaisi**, Director General, UAE Space Agency*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

*Roundtable Discussion*

## 12:15 Session 3: *Space-based Solutions to Safeguard Life on Earth*

*Space solutions have become powerful tools for governments to address long-standing challenges. By providing real-time monitoring and precise detection capabilities, these technologies help to combat illegal activities such as illegal fishing, trafficking of goods, discharges from ships on the high seas but also planning sustainable aquaculture activities, monitoring water turbidity, improving the management of marine protected areas.*

*Space-based solutions have also improved border surveillance, enabling policy makers to implement more effective security measures.*

*Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Enrico Palermo**, Head, Australian Space Agency*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

*Roundtable Discussion*

## 13:15 Closing Remarks

- ***Hon. Steve Georganas**, Federal Member for Adelaide, Co-convenor of the Federal Parliament's Parliamentary Friends of Space, and MMoP 2025 Co-Chair, IAC 2025 Host Country*
- ***H.E. Mehmet Fatih Kacir**, Minister of Industry and Technology of Türkiye, IAC 2026 Host Country*
- ***Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremonies of the 15<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Event*

13:30 Lunch Break

14:30 MMoP Cultural Visit – *“Aboriginal Harbour Heritage Tour”* of the Botanic Gardens of Sydney

*Transfer will be provided from the ICC Sydney to the location of the Cultural visit and back.*

19:00 IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments Cocktail and Dinner  
*Sydney Opera House*

*Bennelong Point, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia*

- ***Clay Mowry***, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- ***Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong***, Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections
- ***Dominique Tilmans***, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Meeting, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

## Monday, 29 September 2025

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*The IAC 2025 will take place at the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)  
located in 14 Darling Dr., Sydney NSW 2000, Australia*

**08:30- 09:15 VIP Gathering**

*ICC Sydney (IAC 2025 venue), Pyrmont Foyer*

**09:30 – 11:00 IAC 2025 Opening Ceremony**

*ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour Theatre - Reserved VIP Seats for the MMoPs*

**11:15 – 12:15 Exhibition Opening**

*ICC Sydney, Exhibition Area*

**12:30 – 13:30 VIP Luncheon**

*ICC Sydney, Cockle Bay*

**13:45 – 15:15 Plenary Event 1: One to One with Heads of Agencies**

*ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour Theatre*

**15:15 – 18:00 Free time** to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFs Sessions and other portions of the IAC 2025 Programme

**18:15 – 19:15 Plenary Event 2: IAC 2025 Host Plenary “Beyond integration: Building Earth-Sky Knowledge Infrastructure for Co-discovery in Space and Sustainability”**

*ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour Theatre*

**19:30 – 22:30 IAC 2025 Welcome Reception**

*Kensington Street, Chippendale*

## Tuesday, 30 September 2025

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**08:00 – 08:45 Industry Breakfast**

*ICC Sydney, Cockle Bay*

**09:00 – 10:00 Plenary Event 3: “How a Circular Economy Framework Unlocks Commercial Success in Space”**

*ICC Sydney, Pyrmont Theatre*

**10:00 – 12:30 Free time** to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFs Sessions and other portions of the IAC 2025 Programme

**12:30 – 13:30 Industry Luncheon**

*ICC Sydney, Cockle Bay*

## Address Information

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**Recommended Hotel:**

**Sofitel Darling Harbour**

*12 Darling Dr, Sydney NSW 2000*

**W Sydney**

*31 Wheat Rd, Sydney NSW 2000*

**Hilton Sydney**

*488 George St, Sydney NSW 2000*

<https://www.iac2025.org/accommodation/>

**MMoP Venue:**

**International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)**

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**MMoP Dinner Venue:**

**Sydney Opera House**

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